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The Model school attached to the Teachers' school at Saidapet.

* 347 Q.—MR. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether in the Model school attached to the Teachers' school at Saidapet trained graduates are employed throughout, and if not, the class or classes which continue to be still in charge of secondary or even lower grade teachers?

A.—Trained graduates are employed in forms III to VI, and all classes from form II downwards are taught by secondary grade teachers.

MR. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"Sir, is it not the rule that even for the lower classes trained graduates should be employed?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—"There is no rule to that effect."

MR. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"Is it not considered desirable by the Director of Public Instruction and other officers to make any such rule?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—"The discretion is with the headmasters to appoint suitable men to carry on the work of the school satisfactorily."

Students who underwent training in the Teachers' Colleges in the Presidency.

* 348 Q.—MR. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state the number of students in the collegiate grade who underwent training during the last five years in the Teachers' Colleges in the Presidency; how many of them were from the Ceded districts, and the measures taken by the Government to attract a larger number of graduates from the said districts to undergo training in these colleges?

A.—The total number of students of the collegiate grade that underwent training during the last five years in the two Government Colleges at Saidapet and Rajahmundry was 838. Fifty were from the Ceded districts. No special measures have been taken by Government to attract students from these districts beyond the provision of stipends. It is open to Presidents of District Boards and Chairmen of Municipal Councils to depute students from these districts for training.

MR. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"Would it not be encouraging to the students of the Ceded districts who undergo training as teachers, if those who have already undergone the training are provided with suitable appointments?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—"That does not arise out of this question, Sir."

Depressed class students in the Pallikonda Board Elementary Day School.

* 349 Q.—MR. R. VEERIAN: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware that the pupils belonging to the depressed classes are made to sit in a small detached hut in the compound of the Pallikonda Board Elementary Day School, North Arcot district, instead of inside the main building alongside the other caste boys;

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(b) if so, why such a distinction is made in the public school ;

(c) whether the Government are aware that the girls belonging to the depressed classes were denied admission by the headmistress when they sought for admission several times recently in the Pallikonda girls' school, North Arcot district ;

(d) what action has been taken on the representation made by me on the 28th May 1925, regarding the above matter to the Secretary, Law (Education) Department, as well as to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras ; and

(e) if the Government have no information with reference to clauses (a) to (d) whether they will be pleased to call for the information ?

A.—The Government have no information but have called for a report.

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—“ Sir, the answer says that the Government have no information but have called for a report. May I know if the report said to have been called for has already been received, and, if so, may I know whether the hon. Minister in charge will be pleased to lay it on the table.”

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—“ The report has not yet been received.”

Agriculture.

Improvement of jute and groundnut.

* 350 Q.—Rao Bahadur C. V. S. NARASIMHA RAJU : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state what steps are being taken by the Agricultural Department for the improvement of jute and groundnut varieties ?

A.—Jute proper is not grown in this Presidency. The area of so-called Bimilipatam jute or Deccan hemp is not large enough to justify the transfer of the present agricultural staff from the investigation of more important crops. Varieties of groundnut have been tested near Palur without conclusive results up to date. An area of land at Pelankuppam in Tindivanam taluk has recently been leased to conduct further experiments.

Rao Bahadur C. V. S. NARASIMHA RAJU :—“ The hon. Minister says in this answer that jute proper is not grown in this Presidency. May I know if jute improper is grown in this Presidency ? Further, one variety of jute is grown in large quantities in the district of Vizagapatam. Is the Government not aware of the fact that this is one of the most important industrial products of the district ? ”

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—“ Bimilipatam jute is being cultivated, but the area under such cultivation is not of such importance as to induce the Agricultural Department to make special experiments for the cultivation of that crop.”

Rao Bahadur C. V. S. NARASIMHA RAJU :—“ Does not Bimilipatam supply the jute necessary for the jute factories at Nellimarla and Chittivalasa in the Vizagapatam district and also to the factory at Guntur, and is not Bimilipatam jute exported in large quantities to Calcutta and foreign countries ? ”